



# CHURCHFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to welcome you and your children to year 6. I am Mr Skupham and I will be teaching your child this year. This will be my 15<sup>th</sup> year teaching year 6 and I am very much looking forward to it. I believe it is my responsibility to prepare your child so they are ready for the leap up to high school. I will be ably supported by Mrs Harley and Miss Holdway. This year, 6S will be having PE on **THURSDAY** and **FRIDAY**. First thing in the morning and at home time, the children will enter and leave by the main yellow doors.



If there is anything that you need to know, please ask me on the yard at hometime, telephone me at school or email: [year.6@cfp.school](mailto:year.6@cfp.school). I believe strongly in working in partnership with you.

## Year 6

Year 6 is a very important year in many ways and we look forward to guiding the children through the many challenges that they will encounter along the way. The purpose of this letter is to give some helpful advice to best support your child throughout the year. As well as this letter, you will be sent the crucial knowledge for all of the subjects for the first half term in year 6.

## SATs

We understand that your child may have missed a substantial amount of time off school, owing to COVID, and so here are some useful ways in which you could support your child. The main thing they need to do is keep practising the basic skills such as reading and talking about what they have read, along with completing home learning and basic number skills, such as quick recall of times tables facts and their number bonds. The tests begin on the week beginning **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023** and children **must** be in school all week. **As this is such a crucial year, we cannot authorise any holidays that take place before Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2023.**

### **Reading**

Now the children are in year 6, we expect them to read most days for **15-20 minutes**, and this should be recorded in their reading diaries **regularly**. From our experience, we have found that it is best for children to read something that they are interested in and both classes have a fully stocked library along with a variety of choice on Microsoft Teams. The reason we give this such importance is that not only do they do a reading test next May, but reading, as you will agree, is an essential life skill.

### **Spelling**

Spellings are also essential as they have a spelling test next May and please encourage them to keep rehearsing these regularly at home.

### **Home learning**

Home learning is always given out on a Monday and should be returned (complete) by Friday. There will always be a maths activity and spellings to be completed and practised ready for a short test on Friday mornings. Should the children complete their home learning before Friday, they will be generously rewarded.

### **Catch-Up groups**

During year 6, the children may be invited to attend after school catch-up sessions. It would be beneficial for the children to attend these as they are provided to ensure that the children make the best progress and get the results that they deserve in their tests. Over the last 10 years that we have offered these catch-up sessions, the children that have attended have always achieved their aspirational targets.

We hope that this gives you lots of information about what to expect this coming year in what will be the children's final year at primary school and it helps with ways in which you can help your child at home. For any further help, please get in touch.

Mr Cotton and Mr Skupham  
Year 6 Class Teachers

